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# Hurricane Harvey-Texas

# ESF-10 Situation Report #21

Subject: SITREP #21
To: Agency Leads

Thru: Maggie Waldon, PSC From: Unified Command

**Date:** 9/19/2017 **Reporting Period:** 9/19/2017

Note- Beginning 9/19/2017, the operation period changed from 24-hours to 48-hours. SITREPs will continue to be published daily.

# **INTRODUCTION**

# **Background**

Hurricane Harvey made landfall at 2300 ET, August 26<sup>th</sup>, as a Category 4 storm near Rockport, Texas. Harvey stalled over southeastern TX. Due to its slow motion and a prolonged period of onshore flow, the impacted areas received more than 50 inches of precipitation which subsequently led to catastrophic flooding.

An ESF-10 Mission Assignment was signed on August 28, 2017. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Texas Commission on the Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Texas General Land Office (TGLO) and the US Coast Guard (USCG) have entered into Unified Command to begin the evaluation, clean-up and recovery of spills, releases, vessels and orphan containers.

#### **CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

# **Operations Section**

On September 19, 2017, Unified Command continued operations in accordance with the Natural Disaster Operational Workgroup (NDOW) Standard Operating Procedures, NDOW forms and Response Manager. The Unified Command is supported by three operational branches: Alpha Branch in Corpus Christi, Bravo Branch in Houston and Charlie Branch in Port Arthur. Hazard Evaluation, Oil Discharge Assessment and Recovery, as well as Orphan Container Evaluation and Recovery teams continued working throughout the Alpha, Bravo and Charlie Branches.

 EPA's mobile air monitoring Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzer (TAGA) bus is being used to screen specific areas for target contaminants that are affiliated with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. They will continue monitoring force majeure facilities in the Houston and Beaumont areas.

# Mission Assignment:

Request ESF-10 assistance to the State of Texas in support of assessment and response operations to actual or threatened hazardous materials and oil releases/discharges as covered under Category B (Emergency Protective Services) for Public Assistance. The assistance includes response to releases/discharges from fixed facilities, vehicles, intermodal container (to include orphaned containers) and vessels (mobile) sources to remove the threat of imminent danger or contamination to the public that could be caused by any release.

Table 1: Mission Assignments as of 9/19/17						
<b>Funding Sources</b>	Description	Funding Ceiling	End Date			
MA 4332DR-TX- EPA-03	As requested by the State of Texas, provide assessment and emergency response support to the State including water/wastewater treatment plant assessments, aerial assessments	\$10,092,000	9/22/2017			
USCG MA D17BA1	USCG will provide oil and hazardous materials field response which may include but not limited to the placement of vessels removed of pollutions to a pre-determined staging area; providing specialized expertise; conducting damage assessment of oil/hazmat waste impact via air and/or water; contractor oversight; evaluating hazards; and/or response, removal, or disposal of: actual and potential oil discharges, and releases of hazardous materials, pollutants and contaminations, and remove pollutants from vessels in or upon navigable waters and adjoining shoreline.	\$20,000,000	9/21/2017			

#### Liaison

Coordinated communications with the Unified Command Liaison and Public Information Officer. Shared information with the lead Community Liaison from EPA, Region 6. Attended a meeting as observers to hear updates from various community entities providing their local updates to leaders.

# **Public Information**

Public Information Officers took photographs and videos of TAGA air monitoring operations for distribution. Updated response talking points for concurrence by the Unified Command.

Table 2: Field Teams on 9/19/2017 – per IAP #20					
Teams	Alpha	Bravo	Charlie	Total	
Hazard Evaluation	0	1	2	3	
Hazard Evaluation Debris	2	8	0	10	
Oil Discharge Assessment	0	2	0	2	
ER/Orphan Container Recovery	0	6	1	7	
Oil/Vessel Discharge Recovery	6	0	0	6	
Staging Areas	0	1	1	2	
Air Operations	0	1	0	1	
Air Monitoring	1	0	0	1	
Vessel Removal	0	0	1	0	
Totals	9	19	5	33	

Table 3: Daily/Cumulative Summary of Hazard Evaluations/Recovery						
	O	pened	Closed			
Status	9/19/2017	Number of Targets Remaining Open	9/19/2017	Cumulative		
Alpha Branch	0	5	0	101		
Bravo Branch	0	3	19	399		
Charlie Branch	0	0	7	135		
NRC Reports	0	0	0	5		
Totals	0	0	26	640		

**Note-** Open means the target is yet to be recovered. Closed means the target was recovered/left in place or access was denied to collect the item.

Table 4: Wa	Table 4: Waste Received at All Staging Pads to Date						
CONTAINERS				TOTALS			
Small Large Drums Containers Containers Date [55gal] [< 55gal] [> 55gal] Cylinders				Total Items Collected Today	Total Items Collected Project to Date		
9/19/2017	7	5	4	8	24	977	
Totals	423	397	37	120			

Table 5: Daily/Cumulative Summary of Spills/Discharges (NON-VESSELS)					
	Opened  Number of 9/19/2017 Facilities/Spills Remaining Open		Closed		
Status			9/19/2017	Cumulative	
Alpha Branch	0	0	0	33	
Bravo Branch	0	0	0	77	
Charlie Branch	0	3	1	23	
NRC Reports	0	8	3	118	
Totals	0	11	4	251	

**Note-** Open means the target is yet to be recovered/cleaned up. Closed means the target was recovered/cleaned up by an RP or not found upon return to location.

Table 6: Daily/Cumulative Summary of VESSELS UPDATED					
	Opened  Number of Vessels Remaining Open		Closed		
Status			9/19/2017	Cumulative	
Alpha Branch	0	183	5	290	
Bravo Branch	1	28	0	46	
Charlie Branch	1	35	13	28	
NRC Reports	1	1	1	13	
Totals	3	247	19	377	

**Note-** Open means the target is yet to be recovered. Closed means the target was recovered/cleaned up by an RP or not found upon return to location.

#### **OTHER NOTABLE ACTIVITIES**

# Alpha Branch

TAGA Team 1 conducted monitoring at Flint Hills Resources East and West, Valero East and West, Citgo East and West, Equistar and Equistar Chemical Dock Facility, all in Corpus Christi. Air monitoring was also conducted in the neighborhoods around Valero, Flint Hills Resources and Citgo. No readings of significance were identified except one benzene reading of 30 ppb recorded along the Joe Fulton Corridor.

Oil/Vessel Discharge Recovery Teams prioritized targets in the Port Aransas Marina. The Water Task Force Team prioritized targets in Hampton's Landing, Rockport, and Cove Harbor. Placards were affixed to five vessels in Cove Harbor and one vessel was relinquished by the owner to TGLO.

Debris Assessment Team 1 conducted debris management observations at eight temporary sites. Six sites are currently active and two are inactive.

# **Active Sites**

- Former Fairground Property Site (Edna)
- Jackson County Precinct 1 Site (Edna)
- Jackson County Solid Waste Transfer Station (Jackson County)
- City of Victoria Landfill (Victoria); not currently receiving debris
- TXDOT #4 (Victoria)
- Victoria County Old Airport (Victoria)

# **Inactive Sites**

- Bob White Road (Victoria)
- Victoria Community Center (Victoria)

Debris Assessment Team 1 and team 2 conducted debris management observations at seven temporary debris. Five sites are currently active and two are inactive.

# **Active Sites**

- City of Cuero (Cuero)
- City of Cuero San Antonio Street (Cuero)
- B.J Welds Park and Arena (Gonzales)
- Nixon (Nixon)
- City of Shiner Closed Landfill (Shiner)

#### **Inactive Sites**

- Cuero Collection Center (Cuero)
- City of Gonzalez (Gonzales)

# **Bravo Branch**

ER/Orphan Container Recovery Teams recovered a 2,500-gallon tote. Oil Discharge Assessment Teams sampled four totes and collected two steel drums, polypropylene container, and other items. Hazard Evaluation Teams assessed a debris line target and identified approximately 14 containers.

Debris Assessment Team 1 conducted site assessments at three permitted landfills. No concerns were noted.

#### **Landfill Locations**

- Security Recycling & Disposal No. 1752B (Montgomery County)
- Atascocita Recycling & Disposal 1307D (Harris County)
- McCarty Road Landfill No. 261B (Harris County).

Debris Assessment Team 2, Team 3, and Team 4 conducted site assessments at 11 locations. No concerns were noted.

#### Team 2 Sites

- Clean Harbors (Altair)
- BR Perrin Plant No. 2298 Site (Houston)
- Southwaste Disposal Hurst Facility Site (Houston)

#### Team 3 Sites

- Clean Harbors Genoa-Red Bluff (Houston)
- Liquid Environmental Solutions Houston Facility (Houston)
- Clean Harbors (La Porte)
- Greenshadow Landfill (Pasadena)

#### Team 4 Sites

- Coastal Plains Recycling Facility No. 1771A (Alvin)
- Baytown Landfill (Baytown)
- Lone Star Recycling & Disposal Facility No. 2344 (Houston)
- Clean Harbors (San Leon)

Debris Assessment Team 6 conducted site assessments at four sites. No debris was noted at two locations and the other two had no authorization.

#### No Debris Sites

- East of Genoa Red Bluff Road and Holly Bay Court (Pasadena)
- South of Genoa Red Bluff Road and Fairmont Parkway (Pasadena)

# No Authorization Sites

- North Eldridge Parkway and Tanner Road (Houston)
- South Mason Road and Beechnut Road (Houston)

#### **Charlie Branch**

TAGA Team 2 conducted air monitoring around ExxonMobil Beaumont Refinery, ExxonMobil Beaumont Chemical Plant, Neches Terminal and Neches Terminal / Neches West (facilities are colocated with Signage outside facility as Martin Terminals and identified as Martin Midstream Partners in Google Earth), and ExxonMobil Beaumont Polyethylene. Air monitoring was also conducted in the neighborhoods West of ExxonMobil Beaumont Refinery and ExxonMobil Beaumont Chemical Plant, and West and East of ExxonMobil Beaumont Polyethylene. No readings of significance were identified.

Hazard Evaluation Teams investigated two targets at 24420 Highway 124 in Winnie and South 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue near the Sabine Pass Battle Ground in South Port Arthur. Both targets were deemed safe. Hazard Evaluation Teams also verified that all targets at and near Benchmark Oil & Gas Co. in Orange were cleaned or being cleaned by the responsible party.

ER/Orphan Container Recovery Teams safely recovered and retrieved a Chem tote from the Beaumont Yacht Club.

All targets at Charlie Branch have been cleared.

# Participating Agencies as of 09/19/2017

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
- Texas General Land Office (TGLO)
- US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
- US Coast Guard (USCG)

# Personnel On Site as of 09/19/2017

Agency	ICP	Alpha Branch	Bravo Branch	Charlie Branch	Totals
USEPA	18	1	16	12	47
USCG	18	29	22	17	86
TCEQ	1	0	20	4	25
TGLO	1	2	0	2	5
Contractors	6	2	2	20	30
Totals	44	34	60	55	193

